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SUBJECT:SIKKIM: ADDITIONAL PRESS GUIDANCE

REF: (A) STATE 083142; (B) NEW DELHI 4921

1. FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE PREPARED FOR USE BY
DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ON CONTINGENCY BASIS. AGAIN NO
QUESTIONS ASKED.

2. Q: IS THE USG CONCERNED ABOUT THE CHOGYAL'S SAFETY AND
WHAT ARE WE DOING ABOUT IT?

A: WE HAVE MADE INQUIRIES REGARDING THE CHOGYAL'S SAFETY
AND WELFARE AND HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT HE IS IN NO DANGER.
(IF PRESSED AS TO SOURCE) WE CHECKED WITH THE INDIAN
EMBASSY HERE.

3. WELFARE QUESTION ALSO RAISED BY HOPE COOKE IN INTERVIEW
WITH BARBARA WALTERS ON TODAY SHOW APRIL 14. SHE EXPRESSED
CONSIDERABLE CONCERN FOR SAFETY OF CHOGYAL AND THOSE WHO
SUPPORT HIM. ON QUESTION OF POSSIBLE REQUEST FOR ASYLUM
IN U.S., SHE SAID ONLY THAT SHE HOPED CHOGYAL WOULD BE
GUARANTEED SAFETY AND COMPLETE FREEDOM TO DECIDE FOR
HIMSELF WHAT HE WANTS TO DO. WE (NEA/INS-KUX) HAVE
DISCUSSED CHOGYAL'S SAFETY WITH INDIAN EMBASSY DCM

(GONSALVES), WHO SAID THERE WAS NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT AS
HE WAS CERTAIN GOI WOULD SEE THAT NO HARM CAME TO
CHOGYAL.

4. Q AND A GIVEN PARA 5 REF A SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BE
USED PENDING COMPLETION OUR REVIEW OF SIKKIM QUESTION
HERE.

5. FOR NEW DELHI: SINCE WE ARE REVIEWING SIKKIM
SITUATION IN LIGHT OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS, YOU SHOULD
NOT GO BEYOND PRESS GUIDANCE CONTAINED ABOVE AND IN
REF A. KISSINGER

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